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1. General

a. General situation: The disposition, organization and strength of the Soviet occupation troops in the area of the Central Group of Forces remained virtually unchanged up to the end of July 1949.

b. Maneuvers: Almost all Soviet units in the Soviet Zone of Austria were at the troop training grounds (DOELLERSHEIM-APETLON) in late July 1949. Only guard and training units for recruits were observed at the military posts. It can, however, be assumed from experience that the recruit units will also go to troop training grounds in the summer and fall of 1949.

c. Areas lightly occupied by Soviet troops: According to [REDACTED] at the end of July 1949, no complete units were stationed in the southern Burgenland and the areas of KREMS, MAUTERN, HORN, SCHWADORS and NEUNKIRCHEN.

d. Repatriation of German PWs: German PWs who had been working in the Soviet motor vehicle shop in BRUNN AM GEBIRGE until mid-June 1949 were reported to have been discharged to Germany in late July 1949. The PWs were replaced by skilled Austrian workmen.

2. Hq of the Central Group of Forces:

a. An office of the Hq of the Central Group of Forces was located in the former "Hauptschule" building (also called "Batzenhaeuserl"), BADEN near VIENNA, at the end of July 1949, according to a municipal official.

b. Besides the command elements (forward and rear echelon offices) of the Hq of the Central Group of Forces, numerous small GHQ units were located in the BADEN area.

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c. Signal units of the Central Group of Forces, which could not be identified by their numerical designation, were located in BAD VOESLAU and GUNTRANS DORF. Courses for signal personnel were conducted in the latter town.

3. 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div

a. Most of the component units of the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div were at the DOELLERSHEIM troop training grounds in late July 1949. Part of the recruits were still observed at the military posts, as, for example, in the MAUER-OEHLING quartering area of the 290th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt.

b. [] a courier connection between St. POELTEN and the military posts of MAUER-OEHLING, GAMING and MELK. This connection shows the connection of these military posts (where component units of the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div are known to be stationed) with St. POELTEN (where the Hq of the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div is still assumed to be stationed).

c. Small component units of the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div were still assigned to zonal border duty at the end of July 1949.

d. An engineer units was reportedly stationed in MELK in late July 1949. It is considered probable that this engineer unit may have been a component of the 177th Engr Bn of the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div.

4. 13th Gds Mecz Div

a. Most all component units of the 13th Gds Mecz Div were at the DOELLERSHEIM troop training grounds at the end of July 1949.

b. Only small recruit units of the component units of the 45th Gds Mecz Regt had been left behind in the TRAISKIRCHEN post. The recruit units were being trained near the military post.

c. The quarters of the 13th Gds Mecz Div in the VIENNA area were only lightly occupied in late July 1949 (guard details). Observations confirmed previous information from which it was assumed that the following component units of the 13th Gds Mecz Div had left their posts in the VIENNA area for maneuvers:

- (1) 44th Gds Mecz Regt and 722d Motor Trans Bn: VIENNA Trost Kaserne
- (2) 46th Gds Mecz Regt and 106th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt: KACRAN Kaserne
- (3) 32d Gds Arty Regt: KAISEREBERSDORF.

d. Only rear details of both the 8th Engr Bn and one battalion of the 46th Gds Mecz Regt remained in the KLOSTERNEUBURG post, during the last days of July 1949.

e. [] on 25 July 1949 that the 2500th AAA Regt of the 13th Gds Mecz Div was stationed in STOCKERAU. From previous information it was, however, assumed that component units of the 23rd AAA Div were exclusively located there. Further information on the subject is required.

5. 23rd AAA Div According to the information [] supplied from STOCKERAU, it appears possible that the antiaircraft artillery regiment of the 13th Gds Mecz Div may be stationed there as well as component units or at least the remainders of the 23rd AAA Div which are assumed to be stationed in STOCKERAU and KORNEUBURG.

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